

III. Remarks

The Examiner stated that Claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants rewrote the claims in independent form and respectfully request allowance.

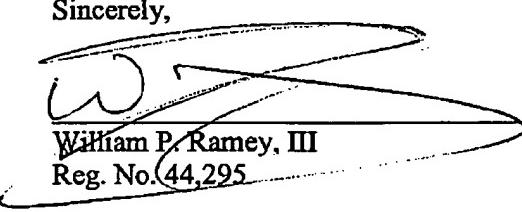
Applicants further request that the allowance of this application be abated until the Motion to Correct Inventorship in this case is decided.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections and rejections in light of this response. The application is believed in a condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action. Please call the below undersigned attorney for any assistance in securing allowance of this application. If the Examiner believes an interview would be helpful Applicants' attorney is available. Applicants further hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time. Please charge deposit account number 02-2334 for any required fees.

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